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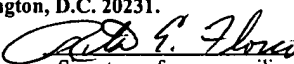
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Dear Sir:

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The following references are noted as having been identified during the prosecution of the parent application, Serial No. 09/064,658. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.98(d)(1) additional copies of these references are not being resubmitted.

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

German Specification No. 2719597  
EPO 0498249  
Japan 59182831

German Specification No. 2719597 is believed to disclose a method of connecting to bands of self adhesive labels together with a strip of adhesive coated material.

Japan 59182831 is believed to disclose a polyethylene resin composition for a transparent heat-shrinkable article.

The following references are identified in the Preliminary Communication submitted at the time of filing this application. Copies of these references are being submitted and should be made of record.

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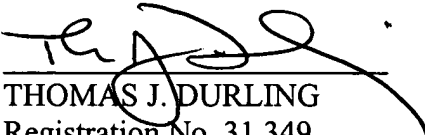
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The examiner is respectfully requested to review each of the above-identified references and make them of record in the instant application as required by M.P.E.P. §609. It is requested that the Examiner initial the enclosed duplicate substitute Form 1449, and return one copy to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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